

tion with England will be soe considerable
that we shall
think ourselves at home when there: and
where one goes
thither now, ten will when all our business is
transacted
in your Parliament.¹

Early in Anne's reign both houses of the
legislature In
Dublin addressed Queen Anne in favour of a
more strict
union with England, and the conclusion of the
union of
England and Scotland caused the Irish
Commons to pray
that the Queen would add to the strength and
lustre of her
crown by a yet more comprehensive union.
The later
stages of this movement are outside
Macaulay's field, but
it is strange that he should have ignored its
early manifesta-
tions.

¹ Ibid, p. 610.